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SUBJECT: CALL FOR EARLY 1974 EUROPEAN TRADE UNION MEETING

AT FINNISH- SOVIET TRADE UNION SEMINAR

1. PEKKA OIVIO, THIRD- RANKING FIGURE IN FINNISH FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (SAK), CALLED IN A SPEECH ON MARCH 30 FOR A MEETING OF ALL EUROPEAN TRADE UNION LEADERS TO BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE ILO REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR. OIVIO WAS ADDRESSING A FINNISH- SOVIET (AUCCTU) TRADE UNION SEMINAR COMMEMORATING THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINNISH- SOVIET FRIENDSHIP PACT.

2. OIVIO SAID A MEETING OF ALL EUROPEAN TRADE UNION LEADERS COULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN FURTHERING TRADE UNION COOPERATION. ALTHOUGH THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT COULD NOT AFFORD TO PLAY A MERE SPECTATOR' S ROLE IN QUESTIONS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY, OIVIO SUGGESTED THE MEETING CONCENTRATE ON ITS OWN AGENDA FOR WHICH HE PROPOSED GENERAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS, WORK SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS. BOTH THE SAK AND THE AUCCTU CONSIDER THE HOLDING OF THIS CONFERENCE VERY IMPORTANT, OIVIO SAID.

3. THE SAK HAS OFTEN DECLARED ITSELF IN FAVOR OF AN ALL
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EUROPEAN TRADE UNION MEETING IN THE PAST BUT THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, IT HAS FOCUSSED ON EARLY
1974 AS AN APPROPRIATE TIME.
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